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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE Yuletide season with its message of good will and of good cheer is with us again, the days of the first term have slipped by almost before we knew they were gone. Perhaps the time is not one for much reflection but I should like to suggest one thought to you before you go. One of the objects of culture, according to some its greatest object, is to increase happiness not only among the more fortunate, but among those for whom education is difficult or impossible. If we have one serious moment during this happy season may our minds turn towards the bringing of a little light into the dark places of life.

I hope that this short vacation will be a happy one for all of you, and I send with you to your homes the best wishes of your University for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. W. CURRIE

PLANS FOR CONVENTION COMPLETED

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Outstanding List of Speakers Addressing Students Includes Hon. N. W. Rowell

Final arrangements have been made for the McGill delegation of twenty students to attend the ninth quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement in Indianapolis, Indiana from December 28th to January 1st. At a supper held last night at Strathcona Hall the delegates assembled to receive final instructions about transportation accommodation and to determine other matters of business and convention topics.

The McGill representatives will form part of the group of 175 Canadians, gathered from practically every college throughout the Dominion. These will leave Toronto on the evening of December 27th at Union Station going direct to Indianapolis by a special train, arriving there on the morning of the 28th. Accommodation has been secured in advance by the convention directors who have taken over nearly all the available hotels of Indianapolis. The return to Montreal will be on the morning of January 3rd.

The list of speakers at this convention is outstanding. It includes men of prominence from nearly every quarter of the world, the Hon. N. W. Rowell, the Canadian representative to the League of Nations and also a member of the Privy Council, being one, also John R. Mott, Robert E. Spier, Sherwood Eddy, Dr. Aggrey, and many others. Besides this delegates will meet together for forums on missions, racial, international and economic problems. All the Canadian and foreign students have been invited to an international luncheon on Dec. 28. Norman Egerston is in charge of the McGill delegation which met for dinner last night and will also meet again Wednesday evening the 26th at 5 o'clock.

WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY

1.00 p.m.—R.V.C.A.A.
2.00 p.m.—Arts Dinner Committee.
4.00 p.m.—Delta Sigma Society.
5.00 p.m.—Dr. Barnes in Physics Building.
Chemistry Colloquium.
Hockey practice on Campus Rink.
Fencing Club meeting.
Annual Board meeting.
8.00 p.m.—B. W. & F. finals.
8.15 p.m.—Psychological Society in Strathcona Hall.

COMING

Friday, December 21st
Hockey practice on Campus Rink.
Phar. I vs. Med. I.
Saturday, December 22nd
Last Day Lectures.
Thursday, January 9th
Theological Undergrad.

A CLASS MEETING HELD BY R.V.C. '27

Yesterday a large number of R.V.C. '27 attended the class meeting which was held at 12 o'clock in the R.V.C.

Miss L. Seriver, who is to represent the class at the Indianapolis Conference spoke of this conference, asking for the moral support of the class.

Following this, Miss M. McSporean also of first year, made a very stirring appeal for the Students' Relief pointing out that it was a moral responsibility of the class to help the suggestion of Miss B. Lyman, the class pledged itself to support this fund. Members are asked to give their contributions to Miss McSporean, or if they wish to augment their contribution to notify Miss B. Lyman.

NOW CHRISTMAS IS COME

Now Christmas is come
Let us beat up the drum,
And call all our neighbours together;
And when they appear,
Let us make them much cheer
As will keep out the wind and the weather.

—HERRICK.

PROGRAMME IS PLANNED FOR SKI-ING CLUB

To Take Part in Lac Placid Carnival

BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Intercollegiate Meet at McGill This Year—American Colleges Invited.

Assured of having at least some snow this winter, the Ski and Snow-shoe Club have planned an intensive schedule for the winter months. McGill teams will be entered in a number of intercollegiate meets with both American and Canadian Colleges. Besides the intercollegiate meet which will be held here in Montreal the Red and White ski-ers will participate in the Dominion championships at Ottawa, and the winter carnival at Lac Placid.

During the Christmas holidays the McGill skaters, ski-ers and snow-shoers will journey to Lac Placid to take part in the winter carnival there on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The McGill teams will compete with the Snow Bird Club of Lac Placid, the Dartmouth teams, and representatives of several other colleges for the President Harding Cup. Dartmouth have won this Cup for two successive years, and a strong team will be sent to try to bring the Cup to McGill this year.

The contest for the Harding Cup includes two skating events, a two mile and a quarter mile race. Dave Nicholson will represent McGill in both races, this being the first time McGill has ever been represented in the skating events at Lac Placid. The Skiing program consists of a seven mile race and a contest in ski proficiency, and in these events Tom Brown, Arthur Gravel, and Ralph Lehan will form the McGill team. Geo. Grimson and Dune Anderson will represent McGill in the three mile and 100 yds snow-shoe races. Points will be given the winners, and the college gaining the highest number of points will win the Cup, and the Championship of the United States. Following this meet on Jan. 1 there will be a ski-jumping contest for the Marshall Koch Cup.

McGill teams will be entered in three other meets, the Dartmouth

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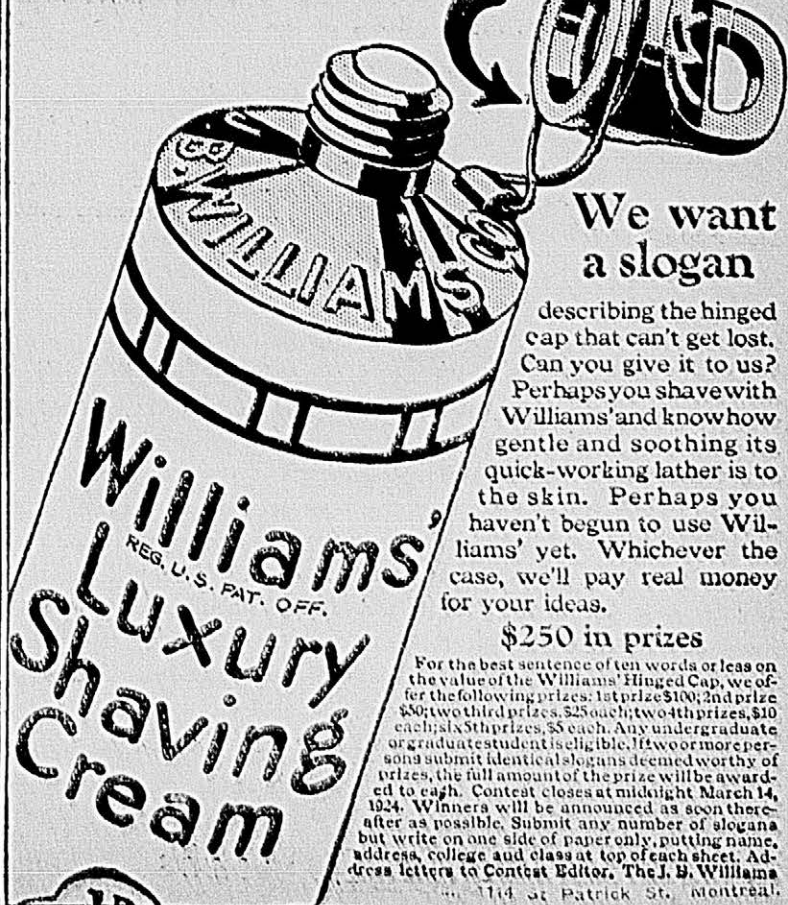
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS—

The presses have ceased their merry song; the carrier has snatched up the last copy and with the appearance of this issue on the campus, the Daily makes its final bow for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-three. When next we are seen the new year will have come and the old will have joined the thousands that are past. But to-day we are not worrying about that which is behind, and although our mind chases back spasmodically through the months and years that are no more, we are living in the atmosphere of the present, an atmosphere which is throbbing with the spirit of Christmas cheer, an atmosphere containing a feeling of good-will towards the world at large. For almost three months now we have filled—or partially filled—this column with a sad concoction of adverse criticism, vituperation and exhortation flavoured slightly with words of appreciation and friendly suggestion. But with the present issue we want to get away from this. We have no desire to say anything, except that which is pleasant and friendly, for even we have caught something of the spirit of Noel, much despised by old Scrooge. We shall not attempt to explain the "why." No, it is not the result of a visit to the Quebec grocery stores, neither is it the outcome of a lengthy contemplation of the mistletoe, the home of good excuses. Perhaps it is the snow, the snap in the air, or the surcharge from the present atmospheric condition. At any rate we have paged a psychologist, a specialist in mob analysis, and we may be able to announce the results later.

To-day, however, our mind runs back to the time when we were younger than we are now and still believed in good old St. Nicholas, with his protuberant business man's corporation, shaking "like jelly." Then we would hang up our stockings—not silk hosiery by the way—and we would cram up our little tummies, with turkey, cranberry sauce, pie, nuts, raisins, candy and castor oil. And we would be sick for a week. But at any rate we did not worry and we had a truly excellent time.

But our mind also travels back to the first Christmas day, when in a far-off village in a sad land, there came on earth the Christ Child, whose influence has grown through the ages, whose life taught gentle tolerance towards each member of that multipartite mass of mankind, which covers the earth. And it is because of his coming, that we make merry during the Yuletide season of the year.

We have looked backwards and the glance has been pleasant. We hope that all can do the same and we wish you the merriest Christmas, with perfect joy, free from worry, free from hate, free from sadness and free from petty squabbles, which are the curse of the world.

—AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

But as when winter comes, spring is not far behind, even so the New Year follows closely on the heels of Christmas. The New Year—what a lot it may mean and in reality, what a little it is! Of course it is hailed with rejoicing, the land resounding throughout its length and breadth with laughter and song. The voice of sorrow is drowned in the torrent of revelry and the world gives vent to its feelings in eating, drinking and dancing. Some, it is true, spend the last few hours of the parting year in meditation, but their numbers are but few—at least that is our conjecture. But at any rate it is again a time of feasting—that is if the turkey was not totally destroyed by the first and more vicious attack. The mistletoe still dangles around in conspicuous places and wreaths of holly smile out from the windows of the good burghers' dwellings.

Of course, the final moment is the most important. All the clocks boom out simultaneously—that is they should—the twelve solemn strokes and the toddling infant is ushered in, while the old man, bent under the burdens of twelve months is quietly placed under the sod. The New Year has arrived in the fraction of a second but though it came quickly, it takes three hundred and sixty-five days to take its departure; something like a visit from one's beloved relatives. And, because of this lengthy stay, the final day of Old Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Three will undoubtedly witness the annual resolution-making contest. International records will go by the board. New figures will be chalked up. And the contestants will spend the succeeding fifty-two weeks in trying to win the silverware for being the best resolution breaker. The whole idea of resolving to do a lot of good and nice things is, to our mind, supremely ridiculous but please do not let this interfere with your customs and go right ahead and resolve all you want. We are not dealing in exhortation to-day and as for telling you how to make the New Year a success—well, we don't know any way, so what is the use of talking.

But we wish you all the happiest of happy New Years. Use your own formulae, apply your own principles and spend the coming months in the way you think you should. Here's to success then! May it come to us all, according to our just measure, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-four.

CHRISTMAS. 1923.

The Alma Mater Speaks:

And they are gone, those stalwart sons of mine:
Those stalwart sons who left me year by year;
Whose laughter rang within these ancient walls,
Who learned the way of Truth and Honour here.

Who learned the way,
To these who were but children yesterday,
I gave my name,
Sending them forth as men.

Where there is work to do, and God to serve,
Great things of life to seek; there they will be.
True sons of mine, bearing that honoured name,
The name M-C-G-I-L, with strength and dignity.

Passing of years,
And still my children laugh, nor heed the tears,
I shed for those
Who laughed here long ago.

Oh, make ye merry now, for soon enough
Ye follow where your brothers trod before,
And pause awhile with me, for I am sad,
Heavy of heart, grieving the sons I bore.

P. H.

Christmas Clippings

The Yule Log

The Yule-log is a great log of wood, sometimes the root of a tree, brought into the house with great ceremony on Christmas eve, laid in the fireplace, and lighted with the brand of last year's log. While it lasted there was great drinking, singing, and telling of tales. Sometimes it was accompanied by Christmas candles; but in the cottages the only light was from the ruddy blaze of the great wood fire. The Yule log was to burn all night; if it went out it was considered a sign of ill-luck. Herrick mentions it in one of his songs—

"Come, bring with a noise,
My merrie, merrie boys,
The Christmas log to the firing:
While my good dame, she
Bids ye all be free,
And drink to your heart's desiring."
The Yule-log is still burned in many farm-houses and kitchens in England, and there are several superstitions connected with it among the peasantry. If a squinting person comes to the house while it is burning, or a person tarred-footed, it is considered an ill-omen. The brand remaining from the Yule-log is carefully put away to light next year's Christmas fire.
Washington Irving

Before Dawn

Dim-berried is the mistletoe
With globes of sheenless green,
The holly mid ten thousand thorns
Smolders its fire away:
This Christmas day,
Hail unto holl with hollow throat,
Makee echo every hill,
Cold sheep in pastures thick with snow
Toss air with beatings fill;
While of his mother's heart this Babe
Takes his sweet will.

All flowers and butterflies lie hid,
The blackbird and the thrush
Pipe but a little as they sit
Restless from bush to bush;
Even to the robin Gabriel hath
Cried softly, "Hush!"

Now night is astir with burning stars
In darkness of the snow;
Burdened with frankincense and myrrh
And gold the Strangers go
Into a dusk where one dim lamp
Burns faintly, low!

No snowdrop yet its small head nods,
In winds of winter drear;
No lark at easement in the sky
Sings matins shrill and clear;
Yet in this frozen mirk the Dawn
Breathes, Spring is here.

Walter de la Mare

Christmas Carol

Remember Adam's fall,
O thou man:
Remember Adam's fall
From Heaven to Hell.
Remember Adam's fall:
How he hath condemn'd all
In Hell perpetual
Therefore to dwell.
Remember God's goodness,
O thou man:
Remember God's goodness,
His promise made.
Remember God's goodness:
He sent his Son sinless
Our sins to redeem,
Our hearts to gladden.

In Bethlehem he was born,
O thou man:
In Bethlehem he was born
For mankind's sake.
In Bethlehem he was born,
Christmas-day 't' the morn,
Our faults to take.

Give thanks to God alway,
O thou man:
Give thanks to God alway
With heart-felt joy.
Give thanks to God alway
On this our joyful day:
Let all men sing and say,
Holy, Holy,
Under the Greenwood Tree

Some Impressions From R.V.C. '27

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The versatility of the mind makes a most interesting study for the student of human nature. The following short sketches which reveal a variety of interests with a little sense of appreciation for the little things that are so often lost, were selected from the class of R.V.C. '27.

Thoughts on a Worm.

Formerly, when, in my wanderings, I chanced to meet a worm, I was quite content to pass on with a cold bow. Now, however, I should like to stop and converse with him, to discuss with him his transverse section and to ask him which mud is most beneficial to his health. After asking about all his different parts, I should then gently turn him over, and examine him minutely not, be it understood, that I should doubt his word, but simply to assure myself that I should thoroughly remember him. Having done this to my satisfaction, I should then proceed on my way, at peace with the world.

This sudden respect and liking which I have acquired for the worm I owe wholly to two illuminating hours in the zoological laboratory. For after examining him under a microscope, after gently dissecting, then re-examining him in sections, could one fail to respect this elusive creature and all his brothers?

Sun-Rise.

I climbed slowly to the top of the mountain. The air was oppressive and clammy, the dew and a shower had saturated every thing. The pine trees were heavily laden with moisture; all seemed damp, dark and lonely. Above the tree-tops, a few stars still faintly lingered, as if loath to part with their dim radiance, before the rising beams of the sun.

As I stood on the summit, a fitful breeze arose, shook the heavy dew-drops off the foliage and hastened the flight of a few silver-rimmed clouds, that still lingered in the wake of the vanquished moon. Not a sound could I hear, it seemed as if all nature was holding her breath, preparatory to the great prelude that was to usher in another golden day.

Then it came—a faint streak of light outlined the distant mountains, as if an invisible paint-brush, dipped in silver grey, had been passed lightly over their tops. As the first amber beams touched the mountain nature was transformed; the birds burst into song, the flowers unfolded their petals, the atmosphere became clear and buoyant, and the rising light was reflected back from every tree and flower, in the scintillating, dancing dew-drops.

From the valley below arose the first sounds of the awakening village; a dog barked, a cock crew; a gate was opened, and the rumbling made by an early market cart ascended on the light golden air of the morning.

A Picture.

I see a row of dingy wharves, strewn with coils of black and greasy rope; the heads and tails of fish, above which flies buzz hungrily, are tossed together in the corner.

The water below is black and still, covered with a heavy floating scum; and the wooden supports—rotting and slippery—reach far down into its stagnant depths.

Behind me, in the east, I see a dim red ball mounting slowly in the sky behind a curtain of smoke, slowly it rises above the murky chimneys of the town, a cheerless and unhappy sun.

Wonder.

I was listening to the music of a violin. The notes fell from the bow, softly, clearly and melodiously. It was the plaintive wailing of a human voice in sorrow, and it aroused many thoughts within me. It made me wonder.

I was on a river-bank at sunset. The great red-golden sun was slowly melting into the water. The heavens were tinted in hues of palest primrose and pink and deepest orange and purple. I gazed for a long time, indefinable feelings stirred within me—while I wondered.

I stood at an open window. A soft thick carpet of clean snow covered

The editors wish to thank all those who have contributed to this issue, and also Mr. A. S. Nod for judging special articles.

Christmas Exams

A little freshie sweetly said

"To-night to the movies I'll go;
Christmas exams aren't far ahead,
But cheerio!"

"My Christmas shopping must be done,"

Said a Sophomore with woe,
"Christmas exams I expect to shun,
But cheerio!"

A Junior said "I've got a date
With the sweetest median,
Christmas exams will reveal my fate,
But cheerio!"

A Senior "dotted" up one fine night

Waiting for her beau—
Said "Christmas exams are near, 'tis right,
But cheerio!"

A. W. T.

Addition of 17 credits as a requirement for graduation was the punishment meted out to a student of Oregon Agricultural College who violated a section of the honor code which is in effect at that institution. This was the second offense of the kind to be investigated by the honor committee.

the ground. The trees were laden with the same glistening whiteness. A pale moon, surrounded by myriads of twinkling stars, shone down kindly, benevolently. Somewhere in the distance, I heard the merry jingling of sleigh-bells. Nearer they came clearer, louder and still nearer, clearer and louder; until gradually the tinkle, tinkle grew fainter and fainter and then ceased. Once again I wondered.

God.

This morning, when I arose, the sky was almost black, the snow lifeless. Before I was dressed, the sky was grey, the horizon gold and silver. A little later I noticed that my curtains were a faint rose-colour, due to the rosy sky, which the snow was softly reflecting.

By breakfast-time the sunlight was pouring in my window, the sky was blue, the snow dazzling, and the air wonderfully fresh. And I was glad to be alive, and had I been a singer, I should have sung for pure joy, but I contented myself with the little bubbling feeling inside me, while this quotation occurred in my mind:—

"Some people can see God only in the spectacular things which life cares so little for than He does them very seldom, but they cannot see Him in the common things, which He loves so much that He does them every day."

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

"THE TOLL."

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The good ship "Iris" nosed her way
Through deep blue sea and tossing waves.
The prow shot forward wet with spray
While neath the decks men worked like slaves!

Like a Conqueror she sailed the open seas
With whitened rails and shining decks
'Gainst freshened winds and western breeze,
Which daily men reduced to wrecks.

The sun sinks low in a western sky
And touches the clouds with softened glow.
Then an orange crescent shining high
Shows a sea of white-tipped waves below.

What a splendid sight the Iris fair!
A noble ship, a beauty she!
But 'neath the decks with brown backs bare,
Men worked in wretched slavery.

HIRAM JAY NAMES.

WHERE WE WORK



The Venerable Arts Building
(Photo by Patton Com. '25)

FROST KING IS SUPREME AT MCGILL

The Call of Winter is Answered by Athletes
SONG OF THE SKI

Skating and Hockey Play Important Part in College Life

(By G. Leslie Copland)

McGill University is situated in a city which is known far and wide as the home of Canadian winter sport. Within a stone's throw of the college grounds Mount Royal rises high above the rest of the great metropolis, and as long as there is sufficient snow on the mountain, skiers and snow-shoos wearing red and white jerseys may be seen enjoying themselves on its slopes. On the University Campus itself several rinks are built, which never fail to attract a number of skaters and hockeyists from the college. Thus, the Frost King has endowed McGill with a great and perpetual heritage—as great, perhaps, as that which has been the portion of any university—and it is not unfitting at this Christmas season to cast a glance backward and see how she has made more and more use of this heritage as the years have slipped by.

It is difficult to say which is the oldest winter sport at McGill, but it is evidently not skiing, since this popular pastime is a comparatively recent development. However, since skiing has attained such prominence in McGill sporting circles, it will be mentioned first.

Skiing in Montreal can be traced back as far as 1881; but the skis of that time were rather long and too narrow, and it was not until 1900 that the shorter skis made their appearance. Since then the popularity of the sport has increased by leaps and bounds, and many clubs have grown up in the city for its promotion. There is little doubt that McGill men took an early and active interest in the sport, and that they have played an important part in its development. For many years a few members of the University had competed in outside tournaments unofficially, so in 1912 the time was ripe for consolidating a Ski and Snowshoe Club, which has met with excellent support ever since.

An interesting side-light on the origin of the use of the ski is given in the following short poem, which is taken from "The Year Book of the Ski Club of Great Britain":

The Song of the Ski

A King, I ween, it must have been,
All in the North Country,
Who freed his folk from the Snow-
fiend's yoke

By teaching the use of the Ski.

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The Queen Speaks

(Jean S. Affleck)

"Well, children, now that you have at length condescended to interview me! I suppose I may as well relate some of my experiences and the observations which I have had plenty of leisure to make during the scores of years that I have sat in front of the R.V.C."

I must say that I consider the "Daily" to have been rather negligent in failing to interview me before when it has devoted columns to people of much lower standing. To be sure on the occasion of my being adorned with a wreath last year some one wrote a sort of eulogy of the donor, but didn't take the trouble to so much as ask my opinion on the matter.

Once in a while my existence is brought to the attention of the College in general in relation to some particular event. For instance each year I am decorated for a time with a little pennant of a gaudy colour which is the victorious symbol of some R.V.C. year in sports. I also notice that people are only too glad to be photographed in such august company as mine and will do all sorts of hazardous feats to attain this honour. In fact I may justly claim to be ranked in the same class with the Prince of Wales and Rudolf Valentino as one of the most widely photographed celebrities in the world.

Although my presence is often ignored by passers-by I do not miss much that goes on. I witness scenes sad and gay, tragic and comic, public ceremonies and private interviews (some very private) and then I quietly ponder over all these things. On the whole I manage to get a good deal of fun out of life, and I think I could compile a pretty good "Who's Who at McGill."

My permanent reserved seat affords me an unrivalled view of the Convocation processions each spring, and those which take place in honour of illustrious men. I see weddings and funerals by the score and not infrequently a sight-seeing bus in which a loud-voiced guide is proclaiming for the enlightenment of all and sundry that this stately edifice is the Royal Victoria Hospital, or the Nurses' Home, or anything else he happens to think it should be. On rare occasions one informs us that it is the "Royal Victoria College, residence for women."

At the commencement of every College year my tranquillity is disturbed periodically by noisy groups of students who taken great delight in using me as the centre of a game of ring-around-a-rosy. These I am told are dignified members of Fraternities inflating new brothers into the fold. These innocents are usually bedecked in garb like unto which Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed. They indulge in original dramatic performances for the entertainment of their

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Christmas And The Druid

(Winning Article by Graeme Taylor)

IN those far-off, early days, when the golden eagle swept through the air like a beam of fire, and when the hen enjoyed the privileges of a pet, Lucius was King of England. "Lucius" was not his real name. But in a time when new modes were coming in, what could be more fitting for the king than a Roman name? Especially when the king was a new one, and derived his power from Romans! So he had taken the name and used it for a king's. He had gained a kingdom for a name! No, he had given far more than that. He had toiled and sweated in the giving. He had flattered, courted and cajoled the men of influence, and had at last risen to the head of all the tribes and nations.

The neighboring rulers were his vassals, and paid tribute to their liege Lucius. But Lucius too, had paid a price for his gains; he was now, more a Roman than a Briton, not in name alone but also in thought and action.

He kept no barræ, but instead Roman scribes and minor poets filled his court. They used to relate to him little snatches of myths rudely translated into his uncouth tongue. They told of Syrius fleeing across Arcadian fields and over Arcadian hills until she reached the lily-banked Ladon. Then his piggy eyes would blink vacantly for his imagination could not color those warm southern hills and dales. But he never tired of hearing about the Cimmerians. He felt a kinship with them in their dark, mist-covered land. He, too, knew the terrors of the mist which hid so much, and he would shed childish tears in their misfortune. One of his troubles was that none of these Roman youths would ever consent to remain in Britain for life. They used his Court as a means of gaining a knowledge of a primitive natural world. (Then they went home and were happy in the complications of civilization.)

But this constant changing had advantages; he could, so far as his mental powers enabled him, keep himself up in all the changes of manners and thought of the time.

The great movement of the day was the spread of Christianity. It seemed to Lucius that herein lay opportunity for Britain to throw off her barbarism and step into a great movement beside the mighty Rome.

The Gauls had received the teaching eagerly, why not the Britons. Besides what he had learned of this new faith interested him. How a man of low birth proclaimed himself leader of all nations and of all creeds, had a special meaning for Lucius. So he sent word to Philip, the teacher, who came out of Asia into Gaul. And Philip sent Joseph, one of his followers, across the sea to the Court in Britain.

So Joseph took the Cross into the land. All through the Autumn he went about the country teaching the people. And when the first snow came it found him on the bank of the Avon in what is now Wiltshire. There he and his half-dozen followers planned to spend the day, on which, two hundred years before, their Lord had been born in fasting and praying. Being good Christians they wished to have all the converts in the district join with them. But that day was a festival time with the natives, and they were used to games and spectacles. Joseph was struck with the happy idea of combining the two. He planned to hold an all-night vigil, on the eve of the day. He and his followers would chant and pray, the heathen could hold torches and look on.

While all this was happening in the regions near the sea, back in the land were tiny groups of forlorn men who kept themselves apart from their fellows. These were the remnants of the Druids. When the Roman legionaries invaded Anglesey, braved the fantastical incantations of the Chief Druid, took the island, burnt down the trees and put the Druids to the sword, the authority of the traditional priests of Britain was gone. But more than a century later, small, ever-diminishing bands could still be found in the fastness of the hill or the forest. There, sheltered by the oak they held sacred, though they had almost forgotten why, they spent slow-passing, futile years. No one molested them, for there was nothing to be gained from them. Unobserved of men they endured many a hardship during the winter's cold, and many were the old men who crept out to die of starvation.

There was such a band in the Mendip Hills. Labraid, whose father the Romans killed at Anglesey, founded it. Labraid was for many years the chief man of the band. He alone knew the sacrificial rites, and it was he who, clothed all in white, cut out from the oak the mistletoe. And once, as a child, he had seen a serpent's egg. But he could not remember what it was like, nor did he know its true significance. The band had stayed deep in their grove for one hundred and thirty years. In all that time, none of them, or their descendants, had ever gone more than twenty-five miles south of the hills. They were living like their ancestors, and the only change which had taken place, was that of the band which numbered forty, there was left but one.

This sole survivor, who was more than seventy years old, was but a novitiate. In his life the whole tragedy of the order seemed symbolized. The father had left him, as a child, in the Druid's hands. At seventeen the youth became novitiate. Then he was filled with the white heat of youth; he dreamt of regaining the lost prestige of the Order; he questioned the men concerning beliefs and rites. But they knew so little, and were so full of doubt. And when Labraid died there was no one left to teach him. He did not lose faith, but he had to relinquish the cherished ambitions. As novitiate he would carry his white head to the grave.

All his life he had spent in the same duties, and every day for fifty-five years travellers might have seen a little nut-brown man with a staff, musing among the withering trees on the mountains.

But no more would he haunt these paths. He would realize one ambition, one life-long hope, before he too slept and stiffened. Long before, Labraid told him of the South and of the great stone altar there. That day was now come. Well he remembered the directions Labraid had given him. Had he not repeated them morning and night for fifty years? So after making the few rites he knew over the body of the last departed, he prepared to leave the oak groves. Though the winter had commenced that day was a fine one. He spent the last morning on the hill-sides visiting old haunts. And later, there was something strangely foreboding in the way he watched the sunset. He stood there, a tiny twisted figure in the last red glow, with arms stretched out and eyes very calm. When the dusk came on he slowly crossed the darkening valley and crept shivering to rest.

Early next morning he walked and at noon he found a little stream at the foot of some hills. Some children found him there and stared at his long white beard and tattered robes. They were kind little children, for one brought him a hard cake and some wine. But nevertheless they distrusted him and kept a safe distance from his heavy staff. It seemed strange to our old Druid that such nice children could be reared under the new mode. Now that he thought of it, he did not remember such nice children in his own day. But the sun had gone in, so he thanked the children and went on.

Soon it was snowing and the poor old man was trembling with cold. There were hills ahead which he had to cross. Then the track ran between two oak trees.

He speculated as he went, on the size of the oak trees and the likelihood of their having mistletoe. Well, he would soon be there now!

As he crossed over the hills he was puzzled not to find the oaks. Where could they be? Were all the directions false? Was he aimlessly wandering? These questions flooded across his brain and left him sick with fear. But he saw an oak. And he also saw what nearly caused his heart to stop beating. For several men were dragging huge limbs from a fallen oak tree. The Druid hurried on. Yet as he passed he saw that mistletoe was still growing on the other tree.

Now he was crossing a broad plain. It was hard travelling, for in places the snow had melted and the mud sucked up over his feet. But for six weary hours he pressed on against the falling snow.

Darkness began to settle in. Suppose he had missed the way! Labraid had said that he would see the altar from afar. But with his old eyes and this heavy snow he couldn't see even the trees. What could he do? He would press on, it all depended on this—he would reach the altar! And then what might not happen? For certainly at such a place everything was possible. There! What was that ahead! It was the altar, and he had stumbled against the side.

Breathlessly he crept in and peered about him. It was all dark, deserted and covered with snow. Was this the altar? Surely it must be so. Suddenly a blood-thrilling shriek rang out which made all his limbs stiffen and his heart pound. Then his hopes were not in vain—some messenger had come for him.

A large owl rose from the wall and flapped its way up through the opening above. Sick with exhaustion he huddled against the wall. He had reached his journey's end and no one received him. As he had ploughed through the snow his excitement had been increasing, his expectations growing until he was prepared for almost anything. But he was not prepared for the rude, snow-covered desolation which he saw. His whole life, however, was made up of disappointments, so he soon recovered. But in his state of disillusion everything seemed illusion; his journey, his

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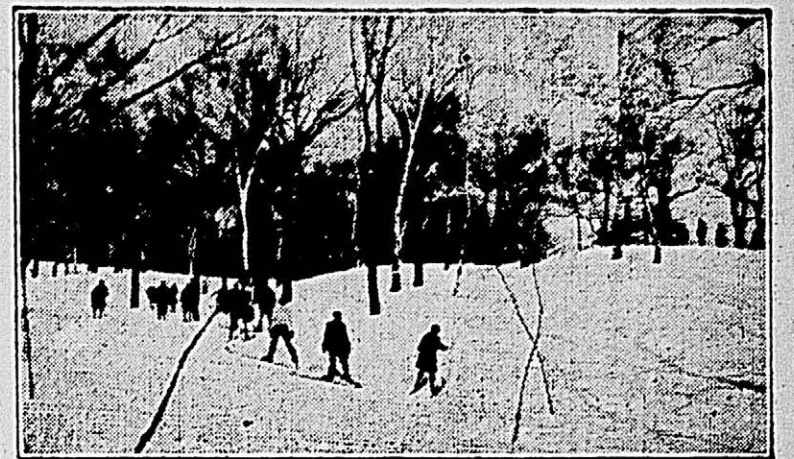
TO HIS COY MISTRESS.

If I were Peter Pan, dear,
And you the Faery Queen,
I'd laugh at Time's endeavour
Our Youth from us to sever,
And you could flirt your fan dear,
Forever just nineteen—
If I were Peter Pan, dear,
And you the Faery Queen.

But roguish little Dan, dear,
Content with Father Time,
And youth is all too fleeting,
And Farewell follows Greeting;
Since loving first began, dear,
Coyness was a crime,
For roguish little Dan, dear,
Content with Father Time.

—TOMFOOL.

WHERE WE PLAY



Taking Lectures on Mount Royal
(Photo by Scofield, Science '26)

Superstitions (M. Maclean)

The past may be forgotten, but it never dies, the elements which in the most remote times have entered into a nation's composition endure through all its history, and help to mould that history and to stamp the character and genius of the people. Folk-lore, the records of man's beliefs and customs, begins with the traces or records of his thought. The most consciously rational mind is always unconsciously swayed by impulses and habits the origins of which are unsuspected. We are in truth the very slaves of custom, our minds are biased by the minds of our forefathers.

Nowadays a man raises his hat as a simple mark of courtesy, but the act was originally one of homage, just as the curtsy was the bowing of the knee in worship. The wearing of a hat or covering to the head was a symbol of authority and power. Afterwards the possession of freedom was signified by covering the head, the slave was beheaded until he obtained the cap of liberty.

Many people pick up old horse-shoes and hang them up for luck, shunning the more decorative peacock's feather, whose neighborhood is so fatal. A horse-shoe hides the power of witches who cannot step over cold iron; if they do their power is frustrated. The iron horse-shoe nailed to stable doors keeps away witches.

Why do we throw rice over a bridal pair? Some will say it is "for luck," vice being used as an emblem of plenty.

The custom of throwing shoes at a wedding originated in Turkey. At a Turkish wedding the bridegroom has to run for his life to the haron under a shower of old shoes, far according to the Turks an old slipper thrown after a man is an infallible charm against the "evil eye".

The habit of moving in a sun-wise direction when passing plates at the table, churning, beating eggs, and so on, originated in sun worship. Similarly the various superstitions concerning the moon, the wishes to the new moon, the money turning charms and cures, may all be connected with moon worship.

The belief in "luck in odd numbers" is frequently expressed and acted upon. Three or some multiple of three is the most popular of mystic numbers "Thrice the brindled cat hath mew'd" said the witch in "Macbeth."

The would-be fortune teller who prophesies the advent of a stranger, or short, in the floating tea-leaf is using divination no less than the Babylonian king, of whom we read in the Bible.

Children also sport with divination when they strip off the daisy petals linking their futures with "tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor."

The love-lorn god herd of Arcadia sang how the poppy petal clung not, but withered on his fore arm when he asked "loves she, love's she not?" Two thousand years and more have

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TROUBLES OF A STUDENT'S CHRISTMAS

Horrors of Pre-festival Preparation Described
LIFE ENDANGERED
Student Must Become Willing Pack-horse

(By I. G. B.)

Many people think the student away from home just before Christmas misses a lot. He does but he does not deserve the sympathy he gets. The average man at College who lives at home is the handy man of the household and on him the pre-Christmas struggle falls.

No matter at what hour he is always a more or less willing packhorse, overburdened with parcels which simply have to be left at the most distant post office.

At length he gets off on his rocky road but has not gone far when a small brother rushes up with more bundles and a demand for the secret cigarettes which must be sent to Tom in Timbuctoo. At length the poor sufferer arrives at his lecture, ten minutes late, where he manages to enjoy even Political Economy, a rest after the "peace" of home.

As soon as he gets inside the door that night, his mouth is filled with tacks, he is presented with a hammer and a shaky step ladder and some green thorns and told to decorate. This he does in the pitch dark his sister having removed the electric light bulbs and forgotten to replace them with the coloured ones. The whole effect is rather sombre. The Christmas tree has not come so the dinnerless wretch salses forth in search of another. All the stores are sold out, but in the end he finds one. But the street car conductor is untouchable by the spirit of the season and refuses to let him on with his burden. The store is now closed and there is nothing to do but walk home.

He is reviled, for his slowness, but too exhausted to think of a retort, he falls on the nearest sofa. He rises hurriedly. Someone has hidden sewing with unsheathed needles under a pillow. He pleads for food in vain; being forced to stone dates and listen to the meal he will have the day after tomorrow (but tomorrow never comes) He goes to the billiard-room to find the table used as an exhibition counter for half-painted tobaccans. He drops wearily into an easy chair, which he leaves immediately. Little Jim has hidden his skates there.

And so the day wears on. How can he manage that cheerful smile, you ask? It's Christmas morning, it is all over for another year, and he has remembered him.

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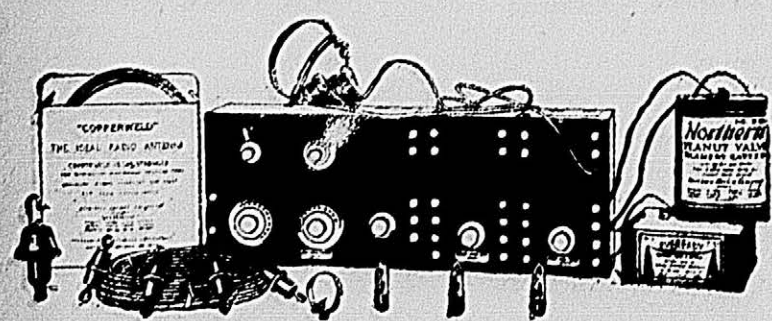
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dents of this famous institution of
learning to consider the life of one,
whose untiring efforts made possible
the numerous privileges of higher edu-
cation which undergraduates of to-
day enjoy at McGill. To Sir William
Dawson, a distinguished botanist and
geologist, who devoted almost forty
years to the building up of this great
university and in every way making
the greatest contributions, which were
in his power, to civilisation, no tribute
could be too high.

Sir William Dawson was born in
Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1820, of Scot-
tish parents. He was the elder of
two children, the younger of whom died
at an early age. He received his edu-
cation in Pictou, graduating from Pic-
tou college, after which he continued
his studies at Edinburgh. As a child
he showed a marked love for Natural
Science. During his school days he
made large collections of fossil plants
from the coal measures, which were so
well exposed, in close proximity to his
native place.

On his return from Edinburgh he
lectured in Natural Science at Dalhousie
College. At the age of thirty he
was appointed Superintendent of Edu-
cation for Nova Scotia, and it was in
connection with his travels to all parts
of the province that he accumulated
material for his largest work, entitled,
"Acadian Geology."

McGill had been founded in 1821, but
had progressed slowly in those ear-
lier years until 1854 it was almost
in a state of collapse. Sir William
Dawson was suggested to the Govern-
ment of the University by Sir Edmund
Head, then Governor-General of Cana-
da, as a man who was capable of un-
dertaking the task of reconstruction.
In 1855 he assumed the duties of Prin-
cipal, in addition to which he took the
chair of Natural Science and delivered
courses in Chemistry, Botany, Min-
eralogy, Ethnology and Palaeontology.
Lectures in Natural Science subjects
became general favourites of the stu-
dents as he was such an excellent lec-
turer and his enthusiasm for these
subjects was communicated to all who
attended.

Realizing that a great drawback
to the success of the University
lay in the lack of sufficient schools
to prepare the pupils for matricu-
lation, Sir William was largely
responsible for the establishment
of the McGill Normal School in
1875. This was affiliated with the
University and was the purpose of
training Protestant teachers for the
province. For a period of thirteen
years Sir William acted as principal
of this school.

As well as principal of the Univer-
sity, it was also due to his untiring
efforts that a school of Civil Engineer-
ing was inaugurated, which has since
developed into the present Faculty of
Applied Science, now of world-wide
repute.

In addition to performing these du-
ties most efficiently, he was always
active in the development of higher
education and was one of the first to
realize the need of facilities for higher
learning for women as well as for men.
If civilisation were to advance, he
was the first librarian of McGill and
in 1866 prepared a catalogue of the
few books contained in the library,
which was the entry of the present
magnificent edifice, later made possible
by the gift of Peter Redpath.

In 1882, the Peter Redpath Museum
was inaugurated. The collections
which adorn the main floors and gal-
leries of this splendid structure were
for the most part, the result of the
personal labours and endeavours of
Sir William. By a system of collect-
ing and exchanging specimens, he en-
riched this Museum as well as making
known abroad the wealth of Canada's
natural resources. He enlisted the
students both during and after their
college career in the accumulation of
material.

In due recognition of his scientific
work and his successful promotion of
higher education, Sir William Dawson
was knighted by Her Majesty Queen
Victoria in 1888. In 1897 Sir William
and Lady Dawson celebrated their golden
wedding. Shortly before this, owing
to ill health, he had resigned the prin-
cipalship of the University and devoted

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That we shall appear
This year.
It is the hope
Of the Dragon
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Is not an easy one
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Of only a few
Of our readers
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And it is our earnest wish
That all may have
The merriest Christmas
And the happiest New Year
They ever have had.
So we say "Good-bye"
Till after the holidays
When we hope that all
Will meet here again
And in the appropriate words
The Good Book used
For today at least
Let there be
"Peace on earth
Good-will towards men"

PSYCHOLOGISTS WILL HEAR ABOUT COLOUR

A meeting of the Psychological So-
ciety will be held tonight in Strath-
cona Hall, at 8.15 p.m. As Mr. W.
R. Allen is the speaker for the ev-
ening, the meeting gives promise of
being one of very great interest. The
subject which he has chosen to speak
on, is the "Psychology of Colour Tem-
peramentally." A large turn-out is
expected, particularly among the sec-
ond year students of Psychology, as
Mr. Allen's topic is along very sim-
ilar lines to their present lectures in
this subject, and it should be of keen
interest as well as being valuable to
them. It will also be an opportunity
for all those interested in psychology
to join the Society, providing they
have not yet done so. At the close of
the meeting, second year students will
elect their representatives to the ex-
ecutive. Refreshments will then be
served.

The Sea

I am filled with deep devotion
To the infinite, endless Ocean.
To the restless, rolling motion
Of the Sea!

And to the foaming white cap's dance
Raised and tossed by winds of chance.
What a mighty broad expanse
Is the Sea!

Ah! my brain is filled with madness!
But my heart leaps high with glad-
ness!

Not a care for all Earth's sadness
I, on the Sea!

William Jay Names.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Who is glad at Christmas time?
Who can dance and sing for joy?
Only youth, for Christmas time
Is a noisy, jolly time
Only youth, for Christmas time
Doth rejoice the girl and boy.

Is there no room at Christmas time
For the sad and weary heart?
Will those who grieve at Christmas
time

Remain forgotten, far apart?
No, for upon this wondrous day
This ever blessed Christmas time
Young hearts are loving, old are gay
And peace will triumph for all time.
—H. JINKS.

ADVICE FOR CHRISTMAS TIME

Drink now the strong beer,
Cut the white loaf here,
The while the meat is a-shredding:
For the rare mince pie,
And the plums stand by
To fill the paste that's a-kneading.
—Herriek.

his time to the working out of prob-
lems of special interest to him. On
Nov. 9th, 1899, he passed away peace-
fully at his home on University Street.

In his autobiography he speaks most
affectionately of the great part which
Lady Dawson had played in any meas-
ure of success which he had attained.
Throughout his life he was always
kind and sympathetic, showing a very
great interest in students who needed
financial assistance and encourage-
ment in their work. His life seems
characterized by a sincerity and single-
ness of purpose. He regarded every-
thing as a part of the structure of a
work of God and of a
thing.

UNDERGRADS ARE LEAVING FOR HOLIDAYS

Where and How Students
Spend Holidays

DO THEY STUDY?

Much Excitement Shown in
Some Circles—None in
Others

Once again as the holiday season
approaches the attendance at lectures
begins to drop off. Those who have
attended faithfully all year are now
availing themselves of their one-
eighth cut and the uses to which this
extra time is being put are widely di-
vergent. This variation calls forth
the question, "Where and how do the
students spend their holidays?"
For the last week McGill students
on entering down town stores may
have seen familiar faces in the persons
of floor walkers and clerks, for a large
number of students have grasped the
opportunity of the temporary employ-
ment offered by the Christmas rush to
earn additional pocket money or the
wherewithal to make a belated but
otherwise impossible visit home.
Others have already left and are now
likewise employed in Toronto, and the
smaller cities of Ontario and Quebec.

The more fortunate of those living
in the far away Western provinces are
leaving daily in order to be home in
time, but Saturday's trains will carry
the bulk of the students homeward
bound and Christmas day will find
our undergraduates widely scattered.
And then with McGill demobilized and
the Daily press at rest, the question
of what the students may be doing
arises.

These may be easily forecast by a
little observation and inquiry. Upper
year men may be seen reading rather
thick letters written on small, and in
some cases scented, paper at the same
time wearing the tell-tale smile, and
then rushing off to buy railway tick-
ets to points other than their own
home towns. The activities of this
class for the holiday need be no mat-
ter of conjecture. Others may be ob-
served going about their usual routine
without any show of excitement inci-
dent to the season. Inquiry discovers
the fact that many of these are not
able to go home for Christmas.

In between one finds all degrees of
enthusiasm from that of the man liv-
ing at home in Montreal to that of
the freshman from out of town who
has just spent his first three months
from home.

If observations were continued fur-
ther, three or four books would be
noticed finding their way into each
bag together with tuxedos and patent
leather oxfords, while at the time of
departure would be seen ranged along-
side the aforementioned bags pairs of
skis or skates according to individual
tastes. Here one is met with uncer-
tainty, for unless the observer be a
true seer he can not tell in what pro-
portions study will dilute pleasure and
sport.

Members of the Ski and Snowshoe
Club will most certainly spend a good
deal of time on the long awaited snow,
while the hockey teams and aspirants
thereto will be working out daily under
the supervision of Coach Shaugh-
nessy.

There yet remains some twenty
students not included in any of these
classes. These make the McGill dele-
gation to the Student Volunteer Con-
vention in Indianapolis.

THE HOLY TIME

Some say that ever 'gainst that sea-
son comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is cele-
brated,
The light of dawnning singeth all night
long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir
abroad,
The nights are wholesome, then no
planets strike,
No fairy takes nor witch has power
to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the
time.
—Shakespeare.

YE WASSAILE BOWL

Crown the bowl full
With gentle lamb's wool
Add sugar, nutmeg, and ginger
With store of ale too;
And thus they must do
To make the wassail a swinger.
—Herriek.

AT CHRISTMAS BE MERRY

At Christmas be merry,
And thankful without
And feast thy poor neighbours,
The great with the small.

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Men From Different Countries Questioned About the Rites of Christmas in Their Homes—Curious Songs of Western Canadian Indians Hear Distant Traces of Druidism, Derived From Early French Settlers—Kissing Under the Mistletoe Originally a Scandinavian Feature of Christmas—Descriptions From Italy, British West Indies, and Switzerland.

"What about Christmas in your country?" was the question flung by a "Daky" scribe at half a dozen McGill men on the Campus yesterday afternoon.

The answers furnished a good illustration of the cosmopolitan character of McGill, for everyone of the six had a tale to tell of different customs in different lands.

First came a man from sunny Italy who grew enthusiastic over the ceremonies of his native land. The celebrations start four or five days before Christmas and end well into the new year. In the towns every night is carnival night, when the inhabitants, the well-to-do in carriages, the others on foot, parade through the streets showering their neighbours with confetti and candy. Everybody wears a masque and many-coloured paper costume; the streets are full of floats and the houses and stores are decorated. Needless to say, the effect is colorful. Christmas presents are exchanged between the members of the family only. On Christmas Day a family reunion is usually held. The whole party meets at dinner, and immense meal, lasting from about one o'clock until three. Then a dance is held until the time of High Mass about ten, after which there is more dancing. Very much the same thing happens on New Year's Day. In the country the large landowners never fail to visit their tenants on Christmas Eve with "sport" or large baskets filled with small gifts. The poorer people are always excited over raffish, generally for a large cow, held on New Year's Eve.

From Scandinavia come some of the oldest Christmas customs. The most praiseworthy idea of kissing under the mistletoe is one of the ancient and honoured institutions of that part of Europe, where the custom of hauling the Yule-log home for the fire is still universally followed. The habit of pouring spirits, which are then lighted around the plum-pudding, a usage now familiar to all Britishers, was originally and still is mainly a Scandinavian method of increasing the Christmas joys. All these customs

were in the beginning pagan rites which were not abolished when the country was converted to Christianity, but simply added to the ceremonies with which they are now associated. A man from British West Indies next told of the pleasures he was missing there. He had never experienced a Canadian Christmas and so could not describe the customs that were different from those of Montreal. But he was emphatic at the absence of snow in his own warm climate, as he thought of the cold stretches between himself and home. In the South everybody exchanged presents and cards and sent flowers to all the hospitals at Christmas, which was kept as a Christmas festival by the whole population. The small children donned masks in the afternoon and set off firecrackers to their hearts' content.

A well-known authority on the Canadian Indians was the next to volunteer information. At Christmas time, many Western tribes, such as the Blackfeet and Crees, sang curious old songs and chants and repeated their ancient folklore. These were generally in a mixed patois of French and Indian but they bear indisputable evidence of Druidical customs. The early French settlers in Canada still retained remnants of the ancient worship of the Druids in their superstitions. These the couriers-de-bois transmitted to the Indians who associated them with their Christmas celebrations.

The last man approached came from Switzerland. Ice carnivals and various winter sport competitions were among the usual features of a Christmas among the Alps, but these were largely patronized by the foreigners in the country for the holidays. A splendid carnival was always held at this time, when the streets of the little town blazed with the bright colours of the crowds. In such places on the Riviera as Nice and Biarritz the customs were similar to those in Switzerland except that such sports as tennis and golf replaced the skating and skiing of the colder country.

The Castle on the Hill

On yonder hill a castle stands,
A fortress grim and old,
Whose walls re-echoed with commands
Of warriors brave and bold.

Gone are the days of chivalry,
When those gray ruins kept
A thousand knights of errantry,
Who drank and ate and slept

Within its mass, now crumbling o'er;
But 'neath it, in the vale,
The village folk, in days of yore,
Oft told a gruesome tale.

The tale is of a cruel king,
And of his daughter fair,
Who, morning until night, did sing
With voice of beauty rare.

And Lordinar, a skilful knight,
Who, many fousts did win;
No maid found favor in his sight
Save lovely Princess Lynne.

How often is the story told
Of Princess Lynne's sad fate,
Imprison'd in yon castle old,
And Lordinar—too late.

Yet do they know what death met her?
They shake their heads and say,
"Ah, no; for that is the mystery
That puzzles us to-day."

But in the shadow of the trees
That shade the castle wall
On starlit, moonlight nights one sees
A vision white and tall:

One hears a voice as from afar,
The voice of one in pain,
So sad, so sweet—"Ah, Lordinar!"
The voice calls on in vain.

The wailing wind, the listening leaf
Take up the mournful cry;
Resounds the air with sob of grief,
The maiden's hopeless sigh.

Of varied versions of the tale
The villagers ne'er tire—
The Princess did in duty fail
Obedience to her sire.

Who, thus enraged, did her exile,
Or, came a suitor spurned,
And stole, by cunning craft and guile,
The maid for whom he yearned.

So variously the story's told,
Each age with tales replete,
Each passing century did strive
To make the tale complete.

But yet the castle on the hill,
In veiled obscurity,
Still tells the tale of olden days,
Of love and mystery.

DREAMS.

Dreams were not made for idle hands to touch,
That greedily outstretched would grasp too much,
For they are woven out of rainbows bright
Intangible and fleeting as the light.

Yet we would play with them, the pretty things,
To tame the butterfly we break its wings—
As children try to catch the dancing beams,
We break our hearts in reaching after dreams.
R. V. C. '24.

FROST KING IS SUPREME

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'Tis said, one day, as asleep he lay,
In a vision he did see,
How men might glide down the
mountain side,
As ships glide over the sea.

Then he up and laughed, "I will
make a raft,
A raft for each foot!" quoth he;
'For me thinks, they should go o'er
the billowy snow.

As they go o'er the billowy sea."
So an ash tree sound he felled to
the ground

All in the North Countree,
And cleft it twain, with a straight-
running grain,
To fashion the fairy Ski

Two supple strips with upturned
tips
He carved from the river tree
And with leathern thong to him
ankles strong

He lashed the new-born Ski.
'Twas rapture supreme, passing
vision or dream,
No longer he sank to the knee,
But with curve, dip and swing, like
a bird on the wing.

He sped o'er the snow on his Ski.
Then o'er hill and dale with an even
trail,
He fared through the North Coun-
tree.

And he cried with delight as he
skimmed from the height,
'Hurrah for the fleeing Ski!"
And thus the sport to the world was
taught,

All in the North Countree;
And the snow no more keeps folk
within door,
For they all fare forth on their Ski.

Snowshoeing has come down to
the Twentieth Century Canadian from
the Indians, and although it appears
that the popularity of this sport is on
the wane, an article on McGill winter
sport would be incomplete without a
brief reference to it. Until the use of
skis became generally known nearly
every Montrealer did some snowshoe-
ing—and enjoyed it; many were the
tramps taken by the various clubs in
the eighties and nineties, and many
were the McGill students who joined
in them. Cross-country races were
also held, and they provided most
strenuous competition. At the present
time the Ski and Snowshoe Club is
encouraging the sport, and a number
of the undergraduates have partici-
pated in the races which have been
held under its auspices.

Skating and ice-hockey have played
a part in McGill life ever since its
foundation; and though comparatively
little is known of sport in the early
days of the University's existence, it
is probable that there were hockey
teams as soon as there was any ath-
letic organization. Shortly after the
beginning of the present century, the
Intercollegiate Hockey League was
formed, and annual competitions have
taken place ever since. More impor-
tant, however, to the undergraduate
body, are the Inter-class and Inter-
faculty organizations, since in these
series a great number are enabled to
take part, who are jovers of the game,
but not experts at it.

Thus at McGill, Winter Sports play
a very important part; and for this
reason, as the Christmas season ap-
proaches, the thoughts of all around
the University are turning to the con-
templation of the pleasures in store
for them the next two and a half
months.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Lo, now is come our joyful feast,
Let every man be jolly;
Each room with yule leaves is dressed,
And every post with holly.

Now all our neighbours' chimneys
smoke
And Christmas blocks are burning;
Their ovens they with hot meats
choke,

And all their spits are turning,
Without the door let sorrow lie,
And if for cold it hap to die,
We'll bury't in a Christmas pye,
And evermore be merry.

—WITHERS.

Unsolved, unguessed, doth stand there
still,
The village mystery.

And still on moonlight starlit nights
One hears the doleful cry,
Still in the white-robed figure slight
Seen by the watchful eye.

Yet, could the grim old ruin to-day
Its own sad tale narrate,
Its scenes of love and war portray,
What legends 'twould relate!

Only telling trees and wand'ring gale
That know our secrets all
Disclose the sad mysterious tale
Behind the castle wall.
—Florence B. Kaplan.

THE QUEEN SPEAKS

(Continued from page 3)

superiors. Sometimes they embrace in-
fantly and sometimes they help out
the rule in its task of keeping my face
clean (apparently these acts are hu-
morous masterpieces.)

I frequently have a quiet little laugh
which no one else shares with me, I
see many an amorous swain timidly
approaching the door and pausing out-
side to gain sufficient courage to pre-
sent a bold front for the purpose of
impressing the "look'em over society"
which is said to meet in the hall with-
in on such occasions.

Last but not least of the scenes I
witness are love-elations on the steps.
I pride myself on being a very worthy
accomplice of Dan Cupid, who should
be grateful for my protecting shade
which gives him an opportunity to
shoot his deadly arrows with effect.

Now I must cease this oration, and
resume my accustomed silence once
more. Perhaps some future day I will
reveal some of life's little dramas
which I have seen. Students come and
go; even celebrities like Sir Whiffle-
Pepys, and the Three Nats will
sometimes be forgotten, but I stay on
for ever.

Co-ed's Lament

In the days of old when men were bold
And redskins ruled this land,
They made them run the gauntlet,
Right through the Indian band.

VALUABLE BOOK IS ADDED TO LIBRARY

Curious Feather Book, Three
Centuries Old, Just
Arrived

The B. S. Wood Library of Ornithology of McGill has lately received an unique addition in the form of a feather-book. This is, in other words, a book of pictures of birds and figures, to the number of 166. Of Italian workmanship, with a heavy oaken binding covered with leather, the book has ably withstood the wear and tear of three centuries.

As far as is known, this copy is the only one extant. It is certain that there is nothing like it in the big London Museums. The various designs are made by arranging natural birds' feathers, beaks, and claws and fixing them to sheets of parchment. Over one hundred bird studies are so brilliant and life-like that they appear to be living specimens of curlews, bitterns, mallards, owls, partridges and many other species. But the representations of men working at their trades are the most interesting; the tinent attracting universal interest, sight of a dentist with a grinning patient, the blood on the handkerchief of the sufferer is realistically portrayed.

The scenes depicting men and women of various stations of life are valuable and interesting. Huntsmen, hawkers, muscians and horsemen are among the types shown. With violins startlingly complete, lovers of the Italian operas are seen serenading wonderfully dressed ladies.

The book is a valuable addition to the fine library to which will be added a collection of paintings of Fizan birds by Casey Wood, who will visit Montreal in the Spring.

But nowadays when white rule sways,
In front of old Sci. Hall,
Co-eds must run the gauntlet,
With he-eds 'gainst the wall!

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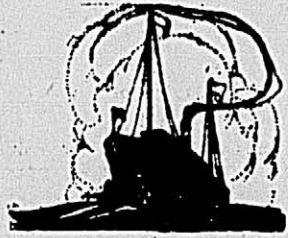
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Last night in the ball room of the Union, three finals and seven semi-finals were decided in the Annual Inter-Faculty Competition of the Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Club. Tonight eleven finals will be run off which will complete the list.

The spectators were very appreciative, and were given good exhibitions in each of the three branches of sport. The bouts last night uncovered several men of great promise, and their efforts augur well for the Intercollegiate Assault at Arms, which will take place in February.

Sir Arthur Currie was present during the greater part of the evening, coming up to the ring-side after attending the Track Club Dinner. He professed great interest in all the proceedings, and spoke to Coach Robinson, as well as to several of the competitors.

The following are the results of the meet:

Final, 118 lb. Wrestling—Hellig Commerce, beat Levesque, Science.
Final, 112 lb. Boxing—Schleifer, Arts, beat Miller, Medicine.
Semi-Final, 112 lb. Boxing—Stein, Arts, beat Mulligan, Science.
Semi-Final, 160 lbs. Wrestling—Briggs beat Harvey.
Final, 175 lbs.—Demitre, Commerce, beat Vineberg, Arts.
Semi-Final, Fencing—Bloomfield, Commerce, beat Doushkees, Arts.
Semi-Final, 147 lbs. Wrestling—Chesley, Arts, beat Hay, Science.
Semi-Final, 118 lbs. Boxing—Brain, Science, beat Goldapple, Phar.
Semi-Final, 135 lbs. Wrestling—Phelps, Arts, beat McEvoy, Med.
Semi-Final 160 lbs. Boxing—Apler, Phar., beat Wilson, Arts.
The officials were:—
Timers—Drs. Sullivan and MacMillan, Prof. Brown.
Referees for Boxing and Wrestling—Ernie Robinson and Mr. Smith.
Referees for Fencing: Profs. Nobbs, Williams and Traquair.

WRESTLING
Five bouts took place in the wrestling section of the evening's programme. Two of these were finals, while the remaining three were among the semi-finals; all of them were keenly contested, and in two cases the decision of the referee was necessary to choose the winner. In the last of the wrestling bouts—that between Phelps and McEvoy—six extra minutes were necessary before the bout was won by Phelps. This bout was, in fact, one of the best of the whole card, and the winner was given a fine send-off.

122-lb. Class—Final
This was between "Shorty" Hellig, Commerce and Levesque, Science. Hellig scored the first fall in five minutes, and two minutes he succeeded in pinning his opponent down for the winning fall.

160-lb. Semi-final
The second wrestling bout was between Harvey, of Science and Briggs, Arts. Soon after the gong sounded Briggs got out of a tight corner by a clever slip and squirm, and the men came to their feet again. Neither was able to gain any definite advantage, although a lot of clever mat work was given before the expiration of time. After the full nine minutes, Briggs was awarded a win by the decision of the referee.

175-lb. Final
The second wrestling final was in the light-heavyweight class, between Demitre, of Commerce and Vineberg, of Arts. Demitre was stronger than his opponent, and threw him several times very heavily. After a few minutes Vineberg began to tire and from then until the end he played a defensive game. The two struggled on the mat for a good part of the time, and Vineberg received visible punishment about the face. Demitre succeeded in keeping the upper edge for the nine minutes, and Coach Smith gave him a well-earned decision.

147-lb. Class Semi-Final
The 147 lb. semi-final was between Chesley, of Arts and Hay, of Science. The men opened with a rush and for the first two minutes the going was fairly even. Then Chesley threw his opponent for the first fall. Fifty seconds later, Chesley secured a second fall and with it the match.

135-lb. Class Semi-Final
The best wrestling bout of the programme was between Phelps, Arts and McEvoy, Medicine. Phelps is the Provincial 135-lb. Amateur Wrestling Champion, by virtue of his defeat of Angbrington at the Y. M. C. A. last week. McEvoy proved a tough nut to crack, despite the efforts of his opponent. Phelps at one point was

within an ace of being beaten, but wriggled out amid the applause of the spectators. The first nine minutes were through before Coach Smith was able to come to a decision, and he called for an extra six minutes, with an intervening two minutes rest.

During the extra time the contestants fought on foot for a couple of minutes. Phelps then forced his opponent down, and scored two falls in rapid succession. He was given a great hand by the audience.

YE EPICURE WISHETH FOR HIMSELF A MERRIE YULETIDE.

I prithee, crush from out the cranberry
Crimson wine
To stain the turkey's snow-white breast,
That I may dine,
And sprinkle brandy on the pudding brown,
Put out the light,
And set the glowing dish afire,—
For my delight,
Hang high the seasonable mistletoe,
And do not miss
To lure a pretty maid beneath its shade,—
That I may kiss,
And fill my stocking full of useful gifts—
Ties, braces, worse,
And books by sexy novelists,—
That I may curee,
But leave me by the fire awhile alone,
That I may yet
Remember why we keep this day,
And not forget.

—TOMFOOL.

WESTMOUNT BASKETBALL TEAM WINS

Defeats Intermediate "B" in
West End Gym.
HARD CHECKING
Game Rough at Times But
Fast and Exciting

Last night in the Victoria Hall gymnasium, the McGill Intermediate B basketball team went down to defeat before the fast moving Westmount A. A. squad by a score of twenty-five to sixteen.

The play during the first half was slow and rather ragged, but towards the end of the game both teams settled down and gave a really good exhibition of basketball. The shooting on both sides was at first, poor and ineffective, neither team getting close to the baskets to shoot. In the second half, however, the Westmount men began to try long shots, and scored basket after basket with almost uncanny accuracy.

The game was inclined to be rough at times, several personal fouls being banded out to players on both sides. Fully half of McGill's points were scored on free shots, and a great many more might have been scored if they had had a reliable shooter. The Westmount A. A. were much better in this department.

McGill opened the game with a rush, and for the first ten minutes, outplayed their opponents, scoring a basket after the first whistle. The Westmounts, however, settled down to work, and soon evened the score. Both sides were shooting wildly, missing many good chances. Laidlaw, the hefty Westmount centre gave a good account of himself, netting two beautiful shots. Wolfe accounted for another from the corner. For McGill, James was outstanding, scoring two difficult shots in quick succession. The period ended with the score nine to eight for Westmount.

In the second half, the game became faster and more exciting. Both teams laboured hard to obtain a lead. The McGill defence tightened, and the Westmount men were forced to resort to long shots, at which they were very successful. Time and again the ball rolled into the basket in a most uncanny fashion, while the McGill men bombarded their opponents basket without effect. As the period drew toward a close the play became fast and furious, replete with brilliant combination and excellent shooting. Wolfe and Laidlaw were outstanding for Westmount, while James and Koff gave a very good exhibition for McGill. The game ended with the score twenty-five to sixteen for Westmount.

The teams lined up as follows:—

McGill	Westmount
Forwards	
James	Wolfe
Blumentstein	Burnham
Centre	
Koff	Laidlaw
Defence	
Boucher	Andrews
Katavich	Hastings
Spares	
Jheu	Homer
Snider	Craig
Hodina	Burrell

A Recipe

Take a quart of pure Good Will.
Flavor well with sympathy.
Boil it on the fire till
It is full of bubbling glee.
Season with a dash of Cheer,
Mixed with Love and Tenderness;
Cool off in an atmosphere
That is mostly kindness.
Stick a dozen rejoins in
Made of grapes from laughter's vine,
And such fruits as you may win
In a purely jocund line.
Make a batter from the cream
Of Good Spirit's running high
And you'll have a perfect dream
Of a Merry Christmas pie!

SCIENCE FRESHMEN DEFEAT COMMERCE

Science I defeated Commerce I, in one of the fastest games of the basketball series, last night, at Molson Hall by a score of 22-14. Although Science because of their decisive victories over Arts and Medicine were expected to have an easy time with Commerce, they met some stiff opposition and had to fight for every point.

Commerce started off with a rush. Thompson of Commerce scoring three baskets before Science scored a point. Three exceptionally clever shots by Thomas gave Science their start and they held Commerce to one basket for the rest of the period while they scored three more. The period ended with Science leading 12-8. Only two fouls were called this period.

Two baskets at the beginning of the second period evened up the score for Commerce but Science again took the lead and Commerce did not score another basket during the game, although they score two points on free tries. Clever passing by Science kept the ball from Commerce during the latter part of the period, while Science scored four baskets. Commerce showed brilliant flashes but did not continue the good work. Helt and Thompson starred for Commerce, Thompson shooting five baskets and two free tries. Clever handling of the ball and passing by Thomas and the shooting of Helt were the features for Science. The last period was not quite as fast because of the numerous fouls, Commerce being the worst offenders. The final score was Science 22, Commerce 14.

INTERMEDIATES WIN FROM HIGHLANDERS

Basketball Game Ended 24-9
in Favour of "B" Team

The McGill Intermediate "B" basketball team defeated the Highlanders in a scheduled game at Molson Hall last night by the score of 24-9.

The game did not commence till 9.30 due to the late start of the Junior game just previously played on the same floor. The ball was loose at times and poor shooting was in evidence.

It was several minutes after the start before either side scored, the Highlanders scoring the first point on a free shot.

In the first period, play was even, checking was hard but free from roughness, only one personal foul being called, this one against the Highlanders.

McGill was in close reach of the basket but due to very poor shooting failed to score several times when they had fine opportunities. The score at the end of the first period was 8-3 in favour of McGill.

In the second period, Gair, for the Highlanders, scored when he put in a very neat long shot from the centre of the floor. McGill started an offensive, scoring many points, each man scoring a few baskets, but no individual piling up the count. The Highlanders rallied, Black and Brodie scoring a basket each. Tinkess scored the last basket before the final whistle blew with the count standing 21-3 in favor of McGill.

McGill	Highlanders
R. Forward	
Landry	Black
L. Forward	
Tinkess	Gair
Centre	
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SCHEDULE HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOCKEY LEAGUE---SIX TEAMS ENTERED

Many Candidates Out for Junior and Intermediate Hockey Teams at Initial Practice Yesterday—Fast Workout Held on Campus Rink Under Managers Quackenbush and Wilson—Several Promising New Men in Evidence in Addition to a Number of Last Year's Regulars—Lack of Practice Proves Downfall of Senior Team in Opener of Exhibition Series.

This year hockey around McGill has been considerably held up due to the lack of ice but the cold wave that struck the city early in the week has greatly brightened things up. "Old Joe" and his staff of assistants have been busy with hose, axe and shovel and the result of their labours shows in the form of three ice surfaces, one in the hollow and two on the campus.

The call went forth for candidates for the Junior and Intermediate hockey teams and at the initial practice held last night, Managers Quackenbush and Wilson had their hands full with the bunch of ambitious puck-chasers that turned out. Fully forty men donned uniforms and put in a "peppy" hour on the blade with the enthusiasm that is being shown everything points to championship teams this year.

"Quack" relayed his men on the ice two teams at a time and everybody was given plenty of opportunity to display his wares. Considering that it was the first time on ice this year, for many of the men, quite a good brand of hockey was put up. Some of the boys evidently were feeling in pretty good trim as some real speed dazzled the "rail birds" who had come to give their prospects the once over.

Quite a few of last year's players were out and they made the newcomers step the whole way. "Art" Ab-

forward line worked consistently and he and Captain Dempsey did their utmost to stave off defeat in the dying moments of the game when conditions began to tell and the unpractised collegians faltered. "Slim" Morris put up a great exhibition in goal and had no chance on the ones that beat him, the opposing forwards boring right in before shooting. It was condition that decided the

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issue as up till the end of the second period the score stood one all. In the final stanza the pace began to tell on the Red and White players and the New Haven speed demons smoked their way through for four goals.

Varsity opens her schedule with McGill here on the 12th of January and with the practice that the Coach Shaughnessy's proteges will have had on their tour, a win for McGill in the opener is quite on the cards. The Blue and White have been considerably weakened by the loss of Car-

MORRIS



Brilliant Goalie in Front of McGill Nets

son and Hudson who accepted the chance of going over with the Olympic team, but nevertheless will present a formidable line-up when they appear here after Christmas.

To bring out all the hockey material in the college and give everybody a chance for a game, an Intercollegiate Hockey League will operate during the Christmas holidays. A schedule

COACH SHAUGHNESSY



Whose Hockey Pupils Are Now Touring the Eastern States

Thursday, Dec. 27, 10-11 a.m. Law vs. Science; 11-12 a.m. Arts vs. Med. has been drawn up and is appended below. Anybody who is anxious to get in a little hockey over Christmas will be given every opportunity to play by turning out for his faculty on the scheduled dates.

Schedule of Games

Monday, Dec. 24th, 10-11 a.m. Law vs. Med; 11-12 a.m. Arts vs. Science. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 11-12 a.m. Com. vs. Dents.

McNAUGHTON



Playing With the Team Now in the States

Friday, Dec. 28, 11-12 a.m. Com. vs. Science.

Saturday, Dec. 29, 11-12 a.m. Arts vs. Law.

Monday Dec. 31, 10-11 a.m. Dents. vs. Science; 11-12 a.m. Com. vs. Med.

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 10-11 a.m. Dents. vs. Med; 11-12 a.m. Arts vs. Com.

Thursday Jan. 3, 11-12 a.m. Com. vs. Law.

Friday, Jan. 4, 10-11 a.m. Med. vs. Science; 11-12 a.m. Arts vs. Dents.

Saturday, Jan. 5, 11-12 a.m. Dents. vs. Law.

The scoring will follow the point system. Two points for a win and one for a draw. All games will take place on the campus rink. Goal leaders outfits will be supplied but outside of this players will have to bring their own equipment.

PROGRAMME IS PLANNED FOR SKI-ING CLUB

(Continued from page 1)

Winter Carnival on Feb. 8th and 9th, the Brattleboro Outing Club meet on Feb. 16, and the Canadian Championships in Ottawa on Feb. 23 and 24th. The Intercollegiate Meet will be held at McGill this year and invitations have been sent to New Hampshire State team, Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, University of Vermont, University of Minnesota, and University of Wisconsin. There are several veterans on the old team this year and prospects are very bright for a successful season in this sport.

BEFELL

"Well, I'll be criticized," said the first trip as it ran along the side track.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL MEN NOT DEFEATED

Win From North End Team 23-13

The McGill Junior Basketball team broke into the winning column when they defeated Nuera by the score of 23-13 last night at Molson Hall in a fast and hard checking game.

The game opened with McGill pressing hard to secure a basket and shots rained in heavy.

The first half was featured by some very good combination by both teams. Loomis played well and when half time was called, he had a large number of points to his credit. Half time score was 11-4 in favour of McGill.

The second half was hotly contested with McGill showing better condition.

Itumay produced some spectacular shooting and was equalled by Loomis of the Red and White team, who at this stage put in a wonderful basket from well within his own part of the floor; it was, however, disallowed because he took more than two steps while getting rid of the ball.

For the college team, to Loomis and Martin goes the honours of the game.

Nuera were served best by Itumay and Payne while Silver, worked hard.

The game was handled by W. K. Kearns of the M. A. A. A.

Nuera: Itumay, MacFarlane, Silver, Payne, Allen, Kearns, Whittum Ingram.

McGill: Statler, Loomis, Heney, Martin, Han, Fraser, McKinnon.

The line up:

Teacher—"Take this sentence:

"Let the cow be taken out of the lot."

What mood?"

Pupil—"The cow."

THE Y'S Howl says, "You can't drive a nail with a sponge no matter how hard you soak it."

Goals: Second period, Turnbull, Yale 2-14.

Stops: Ives, Yale, 17; Morris, McGill, 17.

Substitutions: Yale, Cole, Chisholm, Farrington, Stout, Farnsworth, Cottle.

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BASKETBALL TEAM TO GO TO STATES

Will be Away on a Week's
Tour

LEAVE DEC. 30

Games Scheduled for New
York and Pennsylvania

On Sunday evening, December 30, the Senior Basketball team will leave for Philadelphia where it will play against the University of Philadelphia. This is the first of a series of games which have been arranged for the holidays against American teams.

The Senior squad has shown splendid form this year. The season opened on December 5th when an exhibition game was played against the M.A.A.A. It was a good fast game and a splendid exhibition of basketball. McGill was up against a well-trained aggregation but was successful in gaining a decided victory.

Last Saturday the men journeyed to Burlington where they played against the University of Vermont before an audience estimated at fifteen hundred. McGill put up a strenuous battle but was defeated by a team of superior shooting abilities. However, the old fighting spirit of McGill was evident until the last gun was fired. A pistol was used in place of the usual whistle.

Last week's practice game was played against the North Branch Y.M.C.A. which resulted in a win for the Red and White. The game was very close.

The Senior squad has a very strong defence this year. It has stood the team in good stead in the games that have been played; it was particularly effective in the M.A.A.A. game. Amazon and Hilton are a splendid pair in this department and should prove valuable to the team in the intercollegiate games.

Under the able coaching of Coach Van Wagner, the team has developed some splendid combination work. The men have been practising for six or seven weeks and are in good condition. The weak point in the games has been in shooting, particularly of fouls. Great improvement has been shown in the last few practice. A new rule is effective this year which requires a man to shoot his own fouls. Thus, every man on the team must be specially trained in this department of play. This ruling should have far-reaching results. It should make for a faster and, if possible, a cleaner game.

Among those who have shown up particularly well, Art. Manson's playing has been outstanding. He is an old stand-by and plays a very consistent game. "Bones" Little and Amazon have been playing a steady game.

During their stay in Philadelphia, the men will be the guests of the University of Pennsylvania. They will arrive there at noon on Monday, December 30th, and will hold a practice in the afternoon. On New Year's afternoon, a game will be played against the University of Pennsylvania.

The team will leave that evening for New York, where the men will stay over night at the McAlpin. The following morning they will proceed to West Point, where they will play against the Army at the Military Academy, in the afternoon. The team will spend the night at the Academy and return to New York on the morning of January 3rd.

So far no arrangements have been made for the 5th, but it is expected that a game will be arranged with some New York team.

On the 5th, the McGill men will meet the team of the Crescent Athletic Club at Brooklyn.

It is expected that the players will leave or home on the morning of the 7th, and arrive in Montreal at 7 o'clock in the evening. Travelling with the team will be Coach Van Wagner and Manager R. Hayes.

It will be remembered that the Basketball team went on a similar trip during the Christmas holidays last year. On that occasion games were played against St. Francis College at New York, the Crescent Athletic Club at Brooklyn, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Vermont and the Utica Knights of Columbus. The games were well attended and the results were very close. McGill defeated the Crescent Athletic Club but lost the other games. One of the most interesting of these was the game against Utica, when McGill lost by one point, the score being 29-28.

The team looks forward to meeting the University of Pennsylvania again. The men are full of confidence and if they succeed in defeating the Philadelphia team this year, it will be a victory well worth winning. The U. of P. team has a record of having lost only two games in five years.

In connection with these games against American teams, it might be noted that the American rules are considerably stricter than the Canadian rules.

NOTICES

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 21st.

6.30 p.m.—Pharm. I. vs. Medicine I.

Wednesday, Jan. 9th.

6.30 p.m.—Dent. II. vs. Science II.

7.15 p.m.—Dent. I. vs. Arts I.

Friday, Jan. 11th.

6.30 p.m.—Med. II. vs. Arts II.

7.15 p.m.—Comm. I. vs. Pharm. I.

Saturday, Jan. 12th.

2.30 p.m.—Dent. II. vs. Theol. I.

3.15 p.m.—Sci. I. vs. Dent. I.

Monday, Jan. 14th.

6.30 p.m.—Medicine II. vs. Theol. I.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Doctor's hours are from 12.30 to 1.30

daily except Saturday. Physical examinations may be had at this period.

FENCERS

After the Christmas holidays the

Fencing Club will meet in the Assembly

Room of Strathcona Hall. Show-

ers are being installed. A special

Room will be set aside for the Club.

Members are hereby urged to keep

their eyes open for further instructions

to be published in the "Daily."

B.Sc. ARTS '24

B.Sc. Students in Arts '24 desirous

of signing for the Annual should hand

in their names to the Janitor, Arts

Building, before Friday as the list will

close on that date.

HOCKEY PRACTICE

Intermediate and Junior candidates

at Mount Royal Arena 5.00 to 6.30 p.m.

WESTERNERS

Will all Westerners who are con-

sidering going west to Fort William,

kindly communicate with J. P.

Glascow, 287 Prince Arthur St., with

regard to special transportation rates.

NOTICE

All lectures in the University finish

on Saturday, December 22, until after

Christmas.

CONSTITUTIONS

Will all societies who have not al-

ready handed in their constitutions to

Mr. Webster, kindly leave same at

once at secretary's office, McGill

Union.

FRESH-SOPH. BASKETBALL

PRACTICE HOURS

Arts I. Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Arts II. Tuesday, 4 p.m.

Comm. I. Friday, 4 p.m.

Comm. II. Thursday, 4 p.m.

Med. I. Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Med. II. Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Dent. I. Thursday, 1 p.m.

Dent. II. Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Pharm. I. Thursday, 4 p.m.

Theol. I. Saturday, 1 p.m.

Sci. I. Saturday, 1 p.m.

Sci. II. Saturday, 1 p.m.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Meeting of the Psychological Society

tonight at eight fifteen p.m. in

Strathcona Hall. Mr. W. R. Allen

will speak on the "Psychology of

Colour Temperamentally." Second

year students particularly re-

quested to attend as they will then elect

representatives to the executive. An

opportunity to join the Society will be

given any who have not yet done so.

Refreshments will be served.

After returning from their American

trip, the team will have less than a

week to get ready for the first inter-

collegiate game. This schedule

opens on the 12th of January when

Varsity will play at McGill.

The intercollegiate schedule is as

follows:

Jan. 12—Varsity at McGill.

Jan. 19—Queens at Varsity.

Feb. 2—McGill at Varsity.

Feb. 9—Varsity at Queens.

Feb. 16—McGill at Queens.

Feb. 22—Queens at McGill.

There is a possibility of the games

in Montreal being played at the M.

A.A.A. Peel St. this year.

HARRIERS
All men having Harrier equipment
please turn in such immediately either
to Hall, secretary of the Harrier Club
at the Diocesan College or Major
Forbes.

NOTICE
Three Science research scholarships
offered by the Royal Commission for
the Exhibition of 1861, are open to
Canadian, and McGill University has
the right of sending on recommendations.
These scholarships are open to
graduates or students who will have
graduated by the end of the session.
They are of the value of £250 per
year for two years, and those only
are eligible who have given evidence
of capacity for scientific investigation.
Any prospective applicants should
consult the Head of the Department
in which their science studies have
been, or are being, carried on, for fur-
ther information.

J. A. NICHOLSON
Registrar.

THEOLOGICAL UNDERGRAD
The regular monthly meeting of the
Theological Undergrad will be held
in the Union on Wednesday evening
January 9th.

HOCKEY
Attendance in Physical Education
will be credited to those 1st and
2nd year students signing Attendance
Sheets, which may be secured
from "Joe" at the Rink Shack.

CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIUM
The tenth colloquium for the ses-
sion will be held this afternoon at
five o'clock in No. 2 classroom of
the Chemistry Building.

The subject for discussion will be
The Theory of Lubrication, and
will be introduced by Mr. Gilbert
Bishop.

LECTURE BY DR. H. T. BARNES
The third of a series of graduate
lectures on "Physical Problems in
Connection with Ice Formation" will
be given by Dr. H. T. Barnes, F.
R. S., at 5 p.m. today in Room 2
of the Macdonald Physics Building.
All those interested are welcome.

ARTS DINNER COMMITTEE
The Executive of the Arts Under-
grad and the representatives from
the various years to the Dinner Com-
mittee are asked to meet in the
Smoking Room today at 2 o'clock. It
is important that every member be
present.

HOCKEY
Hockey practices on Campus Rink
5-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday for
every candidate of senior, intermediate
and junior teams. Mount Royal ice not
available this week. Everyone out.

INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION
All members of the McGill Delegation
to the Indianapolis Convention
are asked to note well transportation
arrangements. They will leave Mont-
real from Bonaventure Station by the
ten o'clock train on the morning of
December 27th for Toronto, and leave
Toronto by the Indianapolis Special
immediately on arrival. There will be
a final meeting of the delegation on
December 26th at 5 p.m., at Strath-
cona Hall. Further information may
be had by telephoning N. Egerton,
Uptown 3576.

R.V.C. '24
There will be a very important
meeting of R.V.C. '24 on Friday, Dec.
21st, at one o'clock in Room 12 R.
V.C. The business of the meeting
is to elect a valedictorian, historian
and class prophet for graduation. All
members are requested to attend.

DARTMOUTH FENCING TEAM
Today at five p.m. in the Field
House, a meeting of the Fencing Club
will take place.

The decision must then be made as
to whether or not McGill is to meet
the Dartmouth Fencing Club. Unani-
mous opinion does not mean any-
thing unless every member is present
and considers the proposition care-
fully. If full attendance at Thurs-
day's meeting is not obtained, Dart-
mouth will be advised accordingly.

DINNER FOR TRACK TEAM GALA AFFAIR

Team Complimented on Sixth
Consecutive Win
COLLEGE SPIRIT

Van Wagner Presented With
Gift From Members
of the Team

"The McGill Track Team in one of
those which can always be depended
upon to bring home the bacon," said
Sir Arthur Currie at the annual dinner
of the McGill Track Club which was
held last night in the Grill room of the
Union. It was a most successful af-
fair; besides the members of the team
themselves, there were present, Sir
Arthur Currie, Drs. MacMillan, Tees,
Sullivan, Simpson, Messers, Antliff,
"Doug" MacGregor, "Rich" Henry and
Major Stuart Forbes. Cloutier's or-
chestra entertained the diners with very
excellent music which was greatly ap-
preciated.

Dr. Tees, acting as chairman, pro-
posed the toast to the King and, be-
fore calling upon "Sid" Ellice to pro-
pose the toast to the Alma Mater, con-
gratulated the team on having had 14
wins out of 21 times that the Intercol-
legiate meet has been held.

In responding for the Alma Mater,
Sir Arthur Currie congratulated the
team on its many wins and said that,
as time goes on, tradition will make it
harder and harder for the Red and
White to lose. Sir Arthur commented
upon the fine college spirit that was
marked this year than any other, to
his knowledge; the spirit that has
been shown, not only in athletics but,
in the other activities such as the
Mock Parliament, Debating Club, the
Daily and other similar organizations.
He stated that he was strongly against
the freshman hazing and the more ex-
treme measures that are being prac-
ticed from year to year, and that if
McGill students wished to be treated as
men, not boys, with regard to the
seven-eighth rule that is being dis-
cussed to-day, they should act as men,
not boys. A change has been greatly
criticized by the student body on the
grounds that hazing is a tradition at
McGill, but he stated that he had in-
quired among older graduates and
found out that this was not true and
concluded by saying that he thought
that some better solution could be
found for this problem.

Dr. Tees, in calling upon Dr. Mac-
Millan to propose the toast to the
team, recalled some interesting facts
about the McGill track meet of 1897.
There were two rather unusual events.
"Throwing the 56-pound weight," and
"Kicking the Football." There was no
Athletic Board to pay for the men's
equipment so that it was necessary for
each one to supply his own.

Dr. MacMillan commented upon the
ANNUAL BOARD
Last meeting before Xmas at 5 p.m.
today. Everybody out.

All Juniors who do not return their
proofs to Notman's and hand in the
Biography forms by Saturday will be
excluded from appearance in the An-
nual.

R.V.C. A.A.
There will be an important meeting
of this Association today at one
o'clock. The hockey question will be
settled, and it is absolutely neces-
sary that at least a quorum (60)
should be present.

DELTA SIGMA
There will be a meeting today at
4.00 in the Common Room. An inter-
class debate between the third and
fourth years will take place and it
is hoped that there will be a large
attendance.

SUPERSTITIONS

(Continued from page 3)

not sufficed to stifle faith in these
strange acts and portents.

All festive and ceremonial cus-
toms have particular traditions con-
nected with them.

In an old Arvan myth the spring
the sun was typified by a red or
golden egg. Hence the Easter egg and
the many curious customs connected
with it. The Pope gave an Easter egg
in a silver case to Henry VIII. Even
today like to make colored eggs at
Easter.

At Christmas time we still see
traces of the ancient regard for the
mistletoe, as kissing under the
mistletoe. This plant was closely
connected with many of the supersti-
tions of the British Druids. Among
these people the mistletoe which
grew on the oak was held in particu-
lar esteem for magical virtues. It
was called the "mystic plant" be-
cause of its mysterious mode of
growth. According to an old tradition
the mistletoe supplied the wood for
the cross, which until the time of the
crucifixion had been a forest tree,
but was henceforth condemned to
exist as a mere parasite.

LOST
Fraternity pin in shape of key.
Finder please phone Plateau 174.

reports that scholarship is declining
in favour of athletics. He mentioned
such people as Dave Johnson and Jack
Farthing, who are both Rhodes Schol-
ars, and as everyone knows were
prominent in athletics. He considered
that games are meant to act as an
outlet for surplus energy and that very
few men on teams at McGill fall their
year.

In his reply on behalf of the team,
Gaboury thanked Dr. MacMillan and
those who have taken such an interest
in the team this year.

"Stolly" Legg, in his tribute to Van
Wagner, thanked him for the great as-
sistance that he has given the team.
He also suggested that, at some future
date, McGill might send a team to
compete in England and so aid materi-
ally in making McGill better known
abroad.

In replying, "Van" thanked the team
for their support and for the fact that
that it was necessary to enforce any
training rules, this being left entirely
to the men themselves, with a few
suggestions, and as the results have
shown, it worked most successfully.

Charlie Fullerton presented the
coach with a gift from the team and
congratulated him on his recent en-
gagement.

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